

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 191 without my signature.

SB 191 establishes an alternative mechanism to fund enforcement of prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements on specified public works projects to support enforcement of prevailing wage law in California.

This bill would provide funding to permit an alternative to the failed enforcement scheme of labor compliance programs (LCPs), and in this way represents a favorable step in the right direction. However, the bill, which was amended late in the session, would not exact the meaningful change needed to address the broader problems with oversight of California's prevailing wage laws. I am requesting that the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) work with the stakeholders on a comprehensive reform of DIR's enforcement of public works laws this fall and return with an improved legislative proposal next year.

For these reasons, I am returning SB 191 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger